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Activity - JUNE 2002

7-9 Ground Team SAREX, location TBA LT Bill Reichert
14-15 NCR Conference Des Moines, IA COL Dale Hoiium 651-388-6476
15-23 Cadet Encampment, Grand Forks AFB, ND MAJ Doug Kilian
28-30 Wing SAREX, Group 4, location TBA MAJ Stan Kegel

1st Week SAFETY

FLIGHT TIME / DRILL
FIRST AID

3rd Wk PT or OPEN TESTING
ROCKETRY
FLIGHT TIME / DRILL

2nd MORAL LEADERSHIP AEROSPACE

FLIGHT TIME / DRILL

4th OPEN TESTING
FLIGHT TIME / DRILL
OPEN

UNIFORM OF THE DAY 1 & 3rd weeks BDU — 2 & 4th BLUES !



COMMANDERS CORNER

Memorial Day shortly followed Major Vashro's funeral. In reverse order let me start by saying I do not care for funerals. Methodist "rituals" in particular. For these normally include open caskets which I find gruesome at best. Fortunately that was not done in this case for he had arranged to donate his organs which I think is just one more of many examples of this officers willingness to help others. For those who did not attend,

the cadet color guard gave him a very moving tribute and not a dry eye was found (Civilian or Military) I admit some confusion over his untimely death as his attention to health and regular exercise was of the highest order. Clearly anyone of us can "go" at anytime and this sad prospect if though about can be a benefit to living more useful lives. The health of our members is important. And while it may not be good to marathon at age 51 regular activity and eating a balanced diet can't hurt! Memorial Day reminds us once again about the sacrifices of those in the Service of our country. Those who have given everything and died for their country made a huge impression on me when my "Pop" let slip his feelings about the brave men in his unit who died in WWII. Many MANY years ago I was honored to be part of the color guard at our states largest Military Cemetery. Service to others to defend our freedom of speech, or Religion our pursuit of happiness. For those who have known nothing else you may well take it for granted. If you give the alternative a thought I think you will agree

that we are most fortunate to have the basic freedoms and privileges that we enjoy. We have all probably heard that Freedom is never free. How true this is. It seems that every minute of every day there is some crackpot dictator who jumps up out of the woodwork trying to put himself in charge of the world. In the days of the 13 colonies they had a saying "Death to all tyrants." It seems the Hangman would be a awfully busy person if forced to dispatch all the loonies now adays. Take a moment to think (and maybe even THANK) a veteran. Lt Jones, Capt Willey, LtCol Modders, Major Ovens, LtCol Doneshefsky, Capt Jensen and all the others!

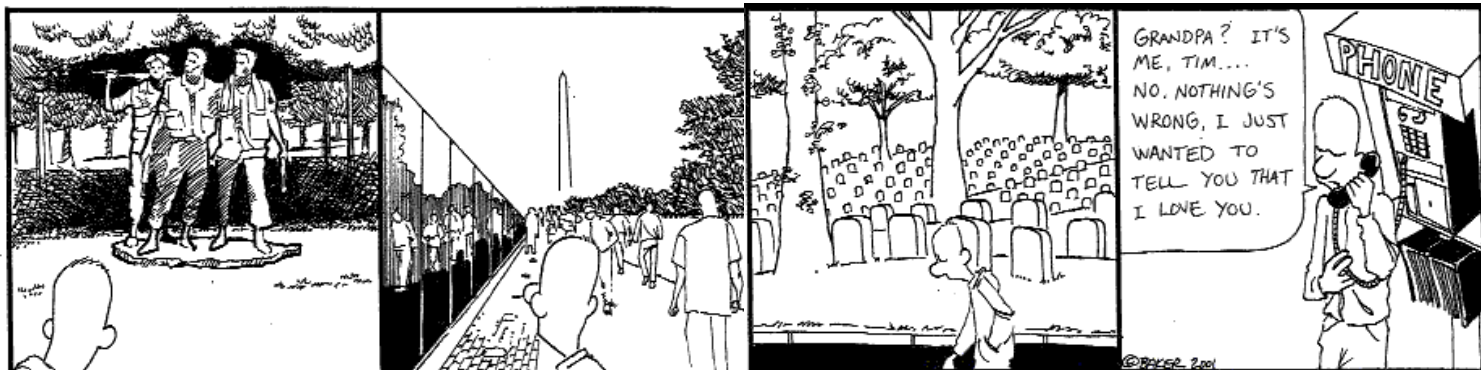
NORTH CENTRAL REGION ENCAMPMENT: Cadets who couldn't make it to the Minnesota Wing Encampment might consider the region encampment scheduled for July 6-14 at Camp Dodge, Iowa. Cost is \$125 for cadets and seniors. To go, fill out an application, CAP Form 31, with T-shirt size on page 2 (S/M/L/XL) and a CAP Form 60, power of attorney for cadets (notarized) -- mail the forms with a \$40 deposit through Minnesota Wing. Four cadets are eligible for \$30 scholarships.

JUNE GROUND TEAM SAR: There will be a wing-wide, ground-only search and rescue exercise June 9-10 in Pine County, Minn. This will be a great opportunity for those still needing tasks checked off on their ground team member and/or ground team leader 101T cards. Maj. Doug Kilian will have more details for us as they arrive. *Note Capt Craswell will be attending if you need transport.

Welcome back C/Maj M. Ehresman!

CAP/COAST GUARD JOINT TRAINING EXERCISE: This search and rescue exercise is held at various times from June 15-30. Contact Maj. Stan Kegel, Minnesota Wing director of emergency services, if you want to participate. His email is: skegel@archwing.com.

AMERICAN "You probably missed it in the rush of news last week, but there was actually a report that someone in Pakistan had published in a newspaper an offer of a reward to anyone who killed an American, any American. So I just thought I would write to let them know what an American is, so they would know when they found one. An American is English, French, Italian, Irish, German, Spanish, Polish, Russian or Greek. An American may also be Mexican, African, Indian, Chinese, Japanese, Australian, Iranian, Asian, Arab, Pakistani, or Afghan. An American may also be a Cherokee, Osage, Blackfoot,





OOPS! I HATE WHEN THAT HAPPENS!

Navaho, Apache, or one of the many other tribes known as native Americans. An American is Christian, or he could be Jewish, Buddhist, or Muslim. In fact, there are more Muslims in America than in Afghanistan. The only difference is that in America they are free to worship as each of them chooses. An American is also free to believe in no religion. For that he will answer only to God, not to the government, or to armed thugs claiming to speak for the government and for God. An American is from the most prosperous land in the history of the world. The root of that prosperity can be found in the Declaration of Independence, which recognizes the God given right of each man and woman to the pursuit of happiness. An American is generous. Americans have helped out just about every other nation in the world in their time of need. When Afghanistan was overrun by the Soviet army 20 years ago, Americans came with arms and supplies to enable the people to win back their country. As of the morning of September 11, Americans had given more than any other nation to the poor in Afghanistan. The best products, the best books, the best music, the best food! , the best athletes. Americans welcome the best, but they also welcome the least. The national symbol of America welcomes your tired and your poor, the wretched refuse of your teeming shores, the homeless, tempest tossed. These in fact are the people who built America. Some of them were working in the Twin Towers in the morning of September 11, earning a better life for their families. I've been told that the people in the Towers were from at least 30, and maybe many more, other countries, cultures, and first languages, including those that aided and abetted the terrorists.]

So you can try to kill an American if you must. Hitler did. So did General Tojo, and Stalin, and Mao Tse-Tung, and every bloodthirsty tyrant in the history of the world. But, in doing so you would just be killing yourself. Because Americans are not a particular people from a particular place. They are the embodiment of the human spirit of freedom Everyone who holds to that spirit, everywhere, is an American. So look around you. You may find more Americans in your land than you thought were

there. One day they will rise up and overthrow the old, ignorant, tired tyrants that trouble too many lands. Then those lands, too, will join the community of free and prosperous nations. And America will welcome them!

The 7 C's:

1. Conception
2. Confidence
3. Concentration
4. Consistency
5. Commitment
6. Character
7. Capacity to Enjoy

ENCAMPMENT: The following tips for encampment were taken from the Wing Headquarters Website. If you're going to encampment please be sure to read this article. #1 Begin changing your sleep schedule about a week before encampment. At encampment you will wake up at 0500 hours each day and go to sleep at 2100 hours each day. #2 At encampment you will not be allowed to have candy, caffeine, sugars or other junk food. Begin weaning yourself from these products now and avoid difficulties of withdrawal. #3 If you regularly take medication bring a week's supply with you so our Medic can ensure you get your medications. #4 At encampment you will have physical training every day. Begin running and working out, at least lightly, for about two weeks before encampment. #5 You are making a great choice by going to encampment. While other youth your age are sitting at home for the summer - you are forging yourself into a better leader and a better person. Have your family and friends see you in action and send messages of support via the encampment website. Emails sent via the website will be distributed each night at Mail Call. #6 Review AFMAN 36-2230 (Drill & Ceremonies) and your leadership manuals. The information contained in these will be very helpful during encampment. #7 Over the past three years there have been over 250 graduates of the Cadet Training Group. Leave your worries and concerns at home and show up ready to train. If you have the effort you can be a member of the CTG too. #8 Talk to prior graduates of the CTG and those selected for staff this year. They are valuable sources of information about encampment and how to succeed.

